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Newsletter of the Presbytery of Arkansas

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"A New Year and a New Presbytery Structure"

Happy New Year!! I'm sure you have heard that greeting dozens of times the past few days. Another year is upon us, full of opportunities to make resolutions for the future, and to make a fresh start in various areas of our lives. 2016 is the year that we make a fresh start as a presbytery as we begin to implement the new structural design that was first approved at the Presbytery meeting in June at Benton and finally approved at Russellville in October, 2015. Many people have been hard at work preparing for the implementation of the new structure. The Nominations committee has had a challenging task staffing all of the committees. They are close to completing their difficult task and we will elect members to the new committees at the Presbytery meeting on February 12-13. The restructuring implementation task force has continued to review and make typographical changes to the document and has met with all of the new committee moderators. The task force went over the intent and the process of the new structure, answered questions and gave advice as the moderators anticipate the first meetings of the new committees after they are elected. I thank Mike Szabo, Julie Adkisson, Jackson Farrow, Chris Jones, Elizabeth Gabbard, and Robert Lowry for their work in leading this meeting on January 12th.



I want to encourage all of us to embrace the new structure and see it as an opportunity to do our ministry in new and different ways. There will undoubtedly be things that will need to be changed or added or eliminated as we live into the new structure. I hope that we can all be patient with each other and work together as we begin to "live in" to the new structure.

I remind you of the date change of the February meeting. The meeting will be held at Lyon College in Batesville on February 12th and 13th. We will hear the traditional concluding sermon from outgoing moderator Ed Wilkinson Friday night and we will install Rev. Lacy Sellars as Moderator and Ruling Elder Ruth Hamilton as Vice Moderator. We will also officially install me as the new General Presbyter. We will be joined by our youth delegates, we will have the opportunity to welcome new teaching elders to our presbytery and meet new inquirers in ministry, and approve the 2016 budget.

I want to let you know of an invitation from Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery to participate in a "Healthy Congregations Workshop" that will be held on February 26-27 at First Presbyterian Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The workshop will be led by Richard Blackburn, Executive Director of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center in Lombard, Illinois. Many of us attended a workshop on mediation skills led by Richard

at Ferncliff. He has a wealth of experience in working with congregations and emphasizes being able to react to conflict with a non-anxious presence. The workshop will focus on family systems theory and is designed for pastors and other church staff, lay leaders, and all congregation members. The conference costs \$125.00 and begins at 7:00 pm Friday evening and concludes at 4:30 pm Saturday afternoon. More information and registration instructions can be found at eokpresbytery.org on the events tab.

I look forward as the new General Presbyter to the new year and the new opportunities provided with the implementation of this new structure. I look forward to seeing you in Batesville and I am thankful to be partnered with each of you in ministry in this beautiful part of God's creation.

Stewart

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Church Employment Opportunities in our Presbytery

First Presbyterian Church--Bentonville is seeking a **Director of Children and Youth Ministries** to lead the young people of their church as they grow in faith and service as followers of Jesus Christ. For more information, visit their website at www.fpcbentonville.org. Qualified candidates may submit a resume and references to David Hill at dvlhill@yahoo.com. For more information, [click here](#).

Other Opportunities

YOURS FREE FOR THE TAKING! -- Park Hill Presbyterian Church in North Little Rock has available free for the taking on a first-come, first-served basis 215 copies of the red 1955 *The Hymnbook* and 132 copies of the blue 1990 *Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms and Spiritual Songs*. Contact Amy Jones at 501-753-9533 or parkhillpres@sbcglobal.net.

ALSO FREE FOR THE TAKING! -- First Presbyterian Church in Rogers has many pieces of choir music available for free (they only ask that recipients pay for postage). You may call their church office and speak to Joan with any additional questions and/or let her know if your church is interested, as it will be given on a first come, first serve basis. The church office is open from 9 AM to 1 PM - Monday through Friday. For a list of the music, [click here](#).

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People and Church News

News of Our Congregations

--**Elkins Federated Presbyterian, Elkins** session voted to distribute 33.5% of their year-end checking account balance to charitable giving, covering 12 different organizations which were predominantly PCUSA organizations but included local gifts and international charities.

--**First, Mena** sponsored a Community Nativity Scene event in their fellowship hall where people from the community brought their nativity sets (over 300 last year) for viewing for two weeks.

--**Spring River Presbyterian, Hardy** opens their "food room" from 4 to 6 on the first Monday and every Tuesday from 9 to 1 p.m.

--**Park Hill Presbyterian, North Little Rock** invited their children to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a food pantry and carry their item to the nativity scene as their gift for the baby Jesus.

--**First, Prairie Grove** youth baked and sold cookies one Sunday after worship to benefit Vera Lloyd Home and Family Services.

--**Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay** sends welcome cards to all guests in worship services and distributed then received "Next of Kin" forms from members.

--**First, Yellville** hosts a grief support group.

--**First, Fort Smith** presented a Blue Christmas service on Dec. 20 and is publishing new church directories.

--**Trinity Presbyterian, Little Rock** members purchased gifts for young men in the Lewis House of Vera Lloyd Home, Monticello and caroled in the church neighborhood on Dec. 20.

--**Central Presbyterian, Pine Bluff** offers or hosts ballroom dance lessons, square and folk dancing, and aerobics classes.

--**Grace Presbyterian, Little Rock** contributed cookies to the Kairos team ministry at McPherson Penitentiary in Newport.

--**First, Morrilton** offers Thursday night Bible study and Wednesday evening youth group.

News of Our People

--**Leigh Woodruff Harvey** has completed her duties as Director of Family Ministries at First, Rogers and continues classes for the Certificate in Ministry program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

--**Vicki Erickson** has retired after 17 years as the Administrative Assistant at Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista.

--**Rev. Bill Branch**, honorably retired of Little Rock, is recuperating at home after hospitalization. The former General Presbyter is the interim pastor at First, Walnut Ridge.

--Word has reached the presbytery office of the death of **Rev. Elva Manuel Douthat**, honorably retired minister member, on December 17, 2013 in Bella Vista at age 95. Christian sympathy is extended to her family.

She graduated from Columbia University, New York and Union Theological Seminary, New York and did post-graduate study at the University of South Dakota. She did social work, was ordained by the Presbytery of New York City in 1973, served Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Nebraska, was

granted honorable retirement in 1982 by Homestead Presbytery and received by Presbytery of AR in 1983. Attending the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista for a time, she was twice widowed and survived by four adult children.

--**Rev. Leila (Lee) Lowrey Power**, honorably retired, died in Austin, TX on December 31, 2015. She was 75. A native of Honolulu, she graduated from Northwestern University, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Brite Divinity School at TCU, Fort Worth.

Active at First United, Fayetteville, Lee served as a Christian Educator coordinator, associate and interim pastor and pastoral counselor in TX, pastor in OK, and was pastor of First, Batesville. After retirement she served as parish associate at First United and after relocating, as parish associate at Westlake Hills Presbyterian, Austin. She was a member of this presbytery's Committee on Ministry, the staff design team, interim general presbyter search committee and in 1997 was the moderator of the presbytery and its council.

Lee is survived by her children Dwight and Mark of Fayetteville, Julie Power Smith of Austin, six grandchildren and three siblings. Memorial services were held on Thursday, Jan. 7, at Westlake Hills, Austin and on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at First United, Fayetteville. Donations are suggested to the Leila Power Education Endowment Scholarship, First United Presbyterian, 695 East Calvin Street, Fayetteville, AR. 72703. Memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com

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Thanks to Outgoing Moderators

'Tis the season to thank those who worked as leaders of presbytery committees and groups or on boards in 2015 as we look forward to newly structured committees after the election of moderators and committee members at the Feb. presbytery meeting.

Thanks to:

Teaching Elder Clare Kelley, NW AR Larger Parish, moderator of General Committee

Ruling Elder Ed Wilkinson, Good Shepherd Presbyterian, Greenwood, moderator of presbytery

TE Catherine Allsbury, Little Rock, at-large presbytery member, moderator of Committee on Administration

TE Dan Wooley, First, Lincoln and Mount Comfort, Fayetteville, moderator of Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals

RE Evelyn Mills, First, Harrison, moderator of Committee on Christian Education

RE Leah Shell, Second, Little Rock, moderator of Committee on Congregational Care and Development

RE James Anderson, First, Batesville, moderator of Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response

TE Dari Rowen, First, Benton, moderator of Committee on Ministry

RE Kim Danehower, Graham Memorial, Forrest City, moderator of Committee on Mission

TE Elizabeth Gabbard, First, Arkadelphia, moderator of Committee on Nominations

TE Kade Curry, First, Searcy, moderator of Committee on Preparation for Ministry

RE John Alderson, Graham Memorial, Forrest City, moderator of Committee on Representation

Marti Woodruff, Fayetteville, Counselor-at-law

Betty Glenn, Westover Hills, Little Rock, moderator of Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team

TE Gordon Garlington, Park Hill, North Little Rock, Lyon College Board of Trustees

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Resource Center News

by [NiAnn Thompson](#), Resourcing Director
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Tuesday-Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.



PRESBYTERY FACEBOOK PAGE

If you have events that you want the people of the Presbytery to know about, post them to our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PresbyteryOfArkansas. Rev. Anne Russ at First, North Little Rock (Argenta) at 501.374.7677 or email revruss@gmail.com will be glad to answer your questions.

--Two copies of the 2015-2016 Presbyterian Planning Calendar are available for sale at the presbytery office for \$15.00 per copy. It's not too late to transfer all those "things to do" to a fresh calendar.
--It's the time of the year when many churches elect those who will serve in the ordered ministries of deacon or ruling elder. Following that election comes the time of training and preparation when each should receive the new "**Book of Order 2015-2017**" (part II of the PCUSA Constitution) which is available from Presbyterian Distribution Services in regular print, large print or downloadable file.

CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT LENT BEGINS ON FEB. 10?

Yes, we've barely stored away the Christmas decorations and it's almost Lent again. With Easter coming relatively early (March 27), you may be in a rush for resources for all ages in your congregation. YOUR Resource Center can help!

FOR ADULTS

Books "**A New Kind of Christianity**" (Acc. BK#9835) and "**The Practicing Congregation**" (Acc. BK#9837)

"**Sacred Parenting: How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls**" (Acc. #DVD9853) by Gary Thomas is six sessions with 20-minute-long DVD segments and a participant guide that show how God can transform lessons in raising children into opportunities to grow in the image of Christ.

"**Book by Book: Proverbs**" (Acc. DVD/BK9854) includes DVD of 10 15-minute segments and a study guide.

"**Embracing Forgiveness**" (Acc. #DVD9857) a five-session study (DVD segments of 10 to 15 minutes) by Barbara Cawthorne Crafton on What It Is and What It Isn't with participant workbook

FOR TEENS

"**The Power of Youth: Rodger Nishioka on Being Visionaries and Prophets**" (Acc. #DVD9736) is an 8-video-segment focusing on what it means for youth to be visionaries and prophets today. The

accompanying CD contains session plans, activity handouts, prayer/scripture handouts and supplements as printable PDFs.

"Exploring God's Purpose for Your Life" (Acc. #DVD8573) is a 6-video study (each segment about 7 minutes) with resource book on God has a purpose, seeking God, obstacles to hearing God, trusting, making decisions, faith steps.

FOR CHILDREN

"From Aardvark to Zucchini: A through M" (Acc. #DVD9855) animated video of "my very own alphabet of prayers" and **"From Aardvark to Zucchini: N through Z"** (Acc. #DVD9856) contains rhymes, songs, kid-friendly questions, dancing prayers and mealtime prayers.

"Veggie Tales: 'Twas the Night Before Easter" (Acc. #DVD9553) 48 minutes "hare" raising Easter adventure of learning the true meaning of Easter and what helping others is really all about.

"Cherub Wings Episode 10 And It Was So! God's Power and Forgiveness" (Acc. #DVD9798) 25 minutes English and Spanish tracks for ages 3-7 including a visualized prayer, illustrated Bible story, two music videos, scripture song and fun.

Book **"The Easter Cave"** (Acc. #BK7487) tells the story of Easter with repetitive, child-friendly words and illustrations for ages 4 to 7.

INTERGENERATIONAL and ALL-CHURCH

"24 Hours that Changed the World" (Acc. #DVD9614). Set by Adam Hamilton includes a book of 40 daily devotions, DVD with leader guide (from 1 to 13 minutes in length), 3 hardback student books, a 7-session youth booklet, and a 7-lesson book with reproducible pages for younger children of Jesus' Last Week on Earth.

OUR FIRST VBS EXAM KIT of 2016 has arrived and is available for preview. Cokesbury's **"Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love"** contains 9 leader guides, 2 downloadable leader guides, craft samples, music CD, student books, stickers, certificates, etc. Stories covered include Genesis 1, Miriam caring for baby Moses, baptism of Jesus, Jesus calming the storm and breakfast on the beach.

This year I will be working each Tuesday and Wednesday (7:45-5:15) and can easily be reached other weekdays by email, text or cell phone (501.337.2360).

Self-service hours in the Resource Center are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday. If these latter days are the best for your visits, I'll gladly gather resources for you to pick up and as usual, I'll mail resources to patrons on the days I'm here.

REMEMBER OUR ONLINE CATALOG! Just go to the www.presbyteryofarkansas.org website, click on "Resources," then on "Resource Center" and "click here to search the catalog" to conduct a simple or advanced search for just the right item.

(The Resource Center receives funding from Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education)

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Presbytery to Gather at Lyon College

The 131st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas is set for **Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13, 2016** at Lyon College, Batesville, AR. Highlights of the meeting will include installation of General Presbyter Rev. Stewart Smith, moderator of presbytery Rev. Lacy Sellars and vice moderator Ruling Elder Ruth Hamilton; approval of the 2016 budget; welcome of at least three teaching elders new to the presbytery; worship with communion; report from the Implementation Task Force on moving into restructuring; introduction of two inquirers into ministry; election of a full slate for all committees; and presence of "Youth at Presbytery" advisory delegates.

Four pre-presbytery workshops and activities precede the gavel on Friday evening: Clerk of Session training, introduction to Solar under the Sun, a workshop by Dr. Paul Hooker from Austin Seminary, and work projects led by students and Lyon Chaplain Ray McCalla.

This date is one week earlier than the usual date for the Feb. meeting, set by General Committee so that the presbytery had the time-sensitive opportunity to concur with overtures to next summer's General Assembly sent by other presbyteries if it so chose.

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Arkansas Pilgrimage to be held April 28 - May 1, 2016

Are you looking for a boost in your faith journey? Consider attending the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage to be held at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center from April 28 through May 1, 2016. The pilgrimage weekend will begin at 5:30 pm on Thursday, and will end about 5 pm on Sunday. There will be plenty of worship, prayer, food, study, fellowship, and much more. The cost to attend the weekend is \$200.

Scholarships are available if you need financial aid from our Scholarship and Endowment Fund. Also, if anyone is interested in contributing to the Scholarship and Endowment Fund, information is available at the website below.

Applications are available on the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage website www.pilgrimage-arkansas.org

You may also pick up participant applications from the Presbytery Office in Little Rock. If you have any questions, you may contact the Registrar at ARPC.registrar@gmail.com

The deadline for applications is April 18, 2016.

(Pilgrimage receives funding from Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education.)

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New Beginnings

*Rev. Michael Vinson, Staff Resource
Congregational Vitality*

It's that time of year again, where the church begins anew. The liturgical year began with Advent, the star appeared, the angels sang, the wise men arrived and we are well on our way. As the new year begins as individuals and as faith communities, we begin to reflect on what the previous year was like and we have the opportunity to make our intentions for the coming year. And on the business side of things, some congregations are thinking about their annual meeting, election and installation of new leaders, setting budgets and all kinds of things needed to help the church fulfill its mission.

The Book of Order suggests an annual meeting for the election of officers and some congregations use this annual meeting as an opportunity to give a report to the congregation on the various ministries of the church, matters of budget and staff.

I would like to suggest that this is also a time for each congregation to reflect not only on what has happened in the past year but also to reflect on the history of the congregation. If I could, I would insist that every congregation have posted somewhere on the walls of the church, a timeline of the life and history of their congregation. And at some time during the year the congregation would have an opportunity to give an intentional amount of time to reflect on the timeline--not just the accomplishments for the year, but to look in broad perspective at the history of the church.

I think this timeline should be in a very visible place so that people can always see where they have come as a congregation. AND I also think it is good to have some markers near by so that as people reflect on the history, they can add to and fill in the gaps.

Keeping this timeline in view reminds the congregation of their history. And each year, it would be good if the congregation could intentionally have a conversation about such things as: 1) Patterns of behavior. Reflect on patterns of behavior you see in your congregation. Which ones are helpful? Which ones get you into trouble? 2) Where on the timeline or in the history do you see God actively at work? What was going on? 3) Where on the timeline did the congregation experience the dark night of the soul when God seemed to be absent and far away? What was going on? How did you get through that dark night? 4) What things come up for you as you sit in silence and meditate on the timeline? What were the glad, sad and mad moments in the history of the congregation?

The Church, as most of us know and love it, is in a time of great transition and that can cause a good deal of grief. We are uncertain about next steps in ministry. How will we survive? Some of us are sad that things are no longer the way they used to be. Some of us have been unkind and some of us are hurt by the actions of others. There are many things that can cause grief in a congregation. But reflecting on the history of the church can help us move through the difficult times. We can gain insights into how we have gotten through the difficult times of the past. We can also gain insights into what kinds of behaviors have been helpful and which kinds of behaviors have caused us trouble.

There is a wealth of good, healing and positive information that can come from reflecting on the history of your local congregation. If you would like help in learning from your past, moving through grief, or navigating your way into the future, please let me know. I would be glad to help you discern how God is present in the past and in the present and where God might be leading in the future.

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Presbytery of Arkansas Youth News

Registration is now open for the **Jr. High Jubilee at Mo Ranch (July 9-14, 2016)** and the **Montreat Youth Conference (July 23-30, 2016)!!**

Trip Info and Registration Packets are up on the Presbytery website at <http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmYouthCouncil.aspx> (scroll down to Documents section). They will be mailed to all churches this week as well. Please get this info. into the hands of your young people. We hope to have many of them join us this summer!

At the above link, you can also find registration info for Youth at Presbytery, Feb. 12-13 at Lyon College!

For other important dates in 2016, [click here for a brochure!](#)

**Want to stay updated about Youth Ministry happenings in the Presbytery?
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www.facebook.com/PresbyteryofArkansasYouthMinistry

This page is for anyone wishing to stay updated about Youth Ministry happenings in the Presbytery -- Youth Workers, parents, youth, Educators, Pastors.

(Presbytery's Youth Ministry receives funding from Presbytery's Committee on Christian Education.)

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Annual Spring Retreat

Save the date now for the Annual Spring Retreat (**March 3-5, 2016**) at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. This retreat is sponsored by your Committee on Congregational Care & Development.

For a brochure with more information, including topics and leaders (as well as registration details), [click here](#).

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Disaster Prep: Inclement Weather Policy

Q: When we have weather that's bad enough to cause us to cancel activities, our church always has to hurry up and notify everyone by phone or email. What can you suggest to make our process easier and more predictable?

A: Many church sessions develop and communicate an inclement weather policy so that the congregation knows, at the least, whether bad weather will cause closure of the church office and programs on weekdays. Your policy could be as simple as this:

In the case of bad weather in the XXXX area, our first and foremost concern is for the safety of our church members. We ask that none of our members or staff put themselves in danger by trying to travel on unsafe roads or in dangerous conditions. XX Presbyterian Church follows the XX School District schedule. If the schools are closed, the church office will be closed. If there is an early morning delay, the church office schedule will follow suit. If bad weather begins during the day, the pastor (or designee) will determine whether to send staff home.

Then add any specifics that pertain to your congregation. Describe bad weather procedures for both weekday and Sunday events. You could also line out the specific closure and communication process and who's responsible.

By all means, include the procedure to follow in case bad weather occurs during worship.

--This message is brought to you by the Presbytery of Arkansas Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee. Additional information is available at <http://www.presbyteryofarkansas.org/frmDisasterResponse.aspx>

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Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Arkansas invite you to their Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church in Bentonville. For a brochure with more information (including hotel reservation details) [click here](#).

(Presbyterian Women receives funding through the presbytery's annual budget.)

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UCM--Fayetteville Receives 1,001 Worshiping Communities Grant

The "Uncommon Worship" led by Max Hill in Fayetteville, Arkansas has received a 1,001 Worshiping Communities Grant from PC(USA)'s General Assembly. For more information

on the grant (and other 1,001 Worshiping Community recipients) [click here.](#)

(United Campus Ministry receives funds through the presbytery's Christian Education ministry.)

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Our Honduras Ministry

by TE Leslie Belden



God is doing marvelous things among us! It is a new day for the PC(USA)! No longer is our denominational headquarters making all of the mission decisions in a top-down manner. We - the Presbytery of Arkansas - are a partner in the first ever "mission network" model that the PC(USA) hopes will be used for all global ministry in the future.

The Presbytery of Arkansas is now a partner with the Presbyteries of Tampa Bay (Florida) and Carlisle (Pennsylvania), Presbyterian World Mission, and the Presbyterian Church of Honduras in a mission network. Together, God's Holy Spirit is moving us in changing lives and bringing God's hope to our brothers and sisters living in Honduras.

Here is what our Presbytery is doing specifically:

- * Building homes in rural Honduras through Heifer Project International, strengthening the Presbyterian presence
- * Installing solar panels, bringing a reliable power source to rural areas, through Solar Under the Sun,

and collaborating with Living Waters for the World in providing power for water purification systems

- * Providing scholarships for children to attend school past the sixth grade: For \$100 a year a child's tuition is paid, their transportation provided, their books purchased, and a uniform is sewn

- * Encouraging and supporting a women's sewing ministry in northwest Honduras

- * Strengthening relationships with the pastors of the Presbyterian Church of Honduras, and working collegially to assist them with theological education

- * Serving as a support to the Presbyterian Church of Honduras as they build churches and spread the gospel to other regions of Honduras

You can get involved!!! Funding is needed for trips, solar panels and supplies, and children's scholarships. But funding is also needed to provide the salaries of our next Mission Co-Workers. The new mission network model not only encourages relationships among the partners, but also in this new model it is the responsibility of the mission network to provide funding for the ministry that the network plans together.

If you would like to go on a mission trip to Honduras, help in planning, or be personally involved in some other way please contact Rev. Leslie Belden at 479.466.1061 or lesliebeld@aol.com.

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Winter Weather Reminder

When Little Rock schools close for winter weather, the presbytery office closes also. Please be patient with us as we live through the season's cold temperatures!

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New Region Map

The Presbytery Restructure Task Force presented a new map of Regions for the Presbytery of Arkansas. This new map was approved by a vote of the presbytery in October 2014. For a list of the churches in each region, [click here](#). For a map with the new regions, [click here](#).

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Prayer List for Congregations -- 2016 can be found [here](#).

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The Presbytery of Arkansas is a council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which is part of the Reformed family of churches within the universal Church of Jesus Christ. Our vision is *to make visible the body of Christ* (Acts II).

We are composed of over 14,000 Presbyterians gathered in 87 active churches, a new church development and one ministry located in various towns and cities in the northern two-thirds of the State of Arkansas.

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